LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB88

Bill as Introduced

SB 88 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-1010
02/10

SENATE BILL *88*

AN ACT relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

SB 88 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill raises the cap on maximum annual membership dues paid by municipalities to town officers' associations and prohibits such funds from being used to fund certain lobbying activities.

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Election Law and Municipal Affairs

Sen James Gray, Chair
Sen Keith Murphy, Vice Chair
Sen Daryl Abbas, Member
Sen Donna Soucy, Member
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: February 15, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday	02/21/2023
(Day)	(Date)

Election Law and Municipal Affairs	Legislative Office Building 103	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

9:00 a.m.	**SB 88**	relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.
9:15 a.m.	**SB 89**	relative to accommodation for medical reasons in issuing marriage licenses.
9:30 a.m.	**SB 111-LOCAL**	relative to the town council-town manager form of local government.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:
SB 88
Sen. Birdsell
SB 89
Sen. Birdsell
SB 111-LOCAL
Sen. Perkins Kwoka Sen. Gray Sen. Soucy Rep. Horrigan

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

James P. Gray
Chairman

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

SB 88, relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

Hearing Date: February 21, 2023

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Murphy, Soucy and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Abbas

Bill Analysis: This bill raises the cap on maximum annual membership dues paid by municipalities to town officers' associations.

Sponsors:
Sen. Birdsell

Who supports the bill: Senator Birdsell, Dan Healy, Joan Dargie, Margaret Byrnes - NHMA

Who opposes the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Regina Birdsell

- This legislation was a request from the NH Town Clerks Association
- It raises the cap amount of membership dues paid by a municipality to town officers associations.

Dan Healy – NH City/Town Clerks Association

- They are asking that the annual fee they charge for membership to increase to up to $50 dollars.
- Currently it is $20 dollars and it has not been amended since it was adopted in May of 1977.
- This will enable associations to at least have the discussion about what they want to charge for membership.
- They feel that $20 dollars is a little too low.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 22, 2023

Speakers

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee
SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: February 21, 2023 **Time:** 9:00 a.m.

SB 88 Relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

PRIME: Sen. Birdsell

Name/Representing *(please print neatly)*

Margaret Byrnes NHMA	Support ☑	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☑
Dan Healey New Hampshire City/Town Clerks Association	Support ☑	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☑ No ☐
	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐
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	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐
	Support ☐	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐

Senate Remote Testify

Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill SB88 on 2023

Support: 1 Oppose: 0

Name	Title	Representing	Position
Dargie, Joan	An Elected Official	Myself	Support

Voting Sheets

Senate Election Law
& Municipal Affairs Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2023 Session

Bill SB 88

Hearing date: 2/21/23

Executive Session date: 2/21/23

Motion of: OTP **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gray, Chair	X			✓	
Sen. Murphy, Vice Chair	X	✓		✓	
Sen. Abbas	X			✓	
Sen. Soucy	X			✓	
Sen. Perkins Kwoka	X		✓	✓	

Motion of: Consent **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gray , Chair	X			✓	
Sen. Murphy , Vice Chair	X			✓	
Sen. Abbas	X			✓	
Sen. Soucy	X		✓	✓	
Sen. Perkins Kwoka	X	✓		✓	

Motion of: _____ **Vote:** _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gray, Chair	X				
Sen. Murphy , Vice Chair	X				
Sen. Abbas	X				
Sen. Soucy	X				
Sen. Perkins Kwoka	X				

Reported out by: Sen. Murphy

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Election Law and Municipal Affairs

to which was referred **SB 88**

AN ACT relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Keith Murphy
For the Committee

This bill raises the cap amount of membership dues paid by a municipality to town officers associations. The current cap is twenty dollars which was established in 1977. This legislation allows associations, if they choose, to charge up to a maximum of fifty dollars annually.

Tricia Melillo 271-3077

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB88

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations.

Official Docket of **SB88.**:

Date	Body	Description
1/18/2023	S	**Introduced** 01/05/2023 and Referred to Election Law and Municipal Affairs; **SJ 4**
2/15/2023	S	**Hearing:** 02/21/2023, Room 103, LOB, 09:00 am; **SC 11**
2/21/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/09/2023; Vote 5-0; CC; **SC 12**
3/9/2023	S	**Ought to Pass:** MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/09/2023; **SJ 9**
3/20/2023	H	Introduced (in recess of) 03/16/2023 and referred to Municipal and County Government
4/11/2023	H	Public Hearing: 04/20/2023 10:00 am LOB 301-303
4/25/2023	H	Executive Session: 05/10/2023 10:30 am LOB 301-303
5/15/2023	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment **#2023-1711h** 05/10/2023 **(Vote 20-0; CC)**
6/8/2023	H	Amendment **#2023-1711h:** AA VV 06/08/2023 **HJ 15**
6/8/2023	H	**Ought to Pass with Amendment** 2023-1711h: MA VV 06/08/2023 **HJ 15**
6/15/2023	S	Sen. Gray Moved Nonconcur with the House Amendment; Requests C of C, MA, VV; 06/15/2023; **SJ 19**
6/15/2023	S	President Appoints: Senators Gray, Birdsell, Perkins Kwoka; 06/15/2023; **SJ 19**
6/15/2023	H	House Accedes to Senate Request for CofC (Rep. L. Turcotte): MA VV 06/15/2023 **HJ 16**
6/15/2023	H	Speaker Appoints: Reps. L. Turcotte, Pauer, Yokela, Maggiore 06/15/2023 **HJ 16**
6/20/2023	S	Committee of Conference Meeting: 06/20/2023, 10:00 a.m., Room 103, SH
6/27/2023	H	Conference Committee Report; Not Signed Off; **HJ 16**

NH House	NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: SB 88 **Senate Committee:** ELMA

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

✓ Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

✓ Bill version as it came to the committee

✓ All Calendar Notices

✓ Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

N/A Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

✓ Hearing Report

N/A Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

✓ Executive Session Sheet

✓ Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

___ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

___ Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

___ as amended by the senate X as amended by the house

___ final version

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Committee Aide **Date**

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